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Evan Mecham
Governor of Arizona
1700 W. Washington
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Dear Governor Mecham

I am a concerned citizen of Tempe.

Recently you cancelled Martin Luther King Jr. Day. I feel that that decision in its self was a very bad decision but the idea of having a one day holiday for the Pope is ludicrous!

Martin Luther King Jr. was a great man and a very important part of American history. What he did for all the people of this country, black and white, is invaluable and unforgettable. Because of him America can live up to the way she has always claimed to be.

To have a one day holiday for the Pope would be a direct violation of the Separation of Church and State Doctrine which is another concept the United States of America is based on!

I just do not understand how you could even consider such an idea.

Another question I would like to ask you is, if you do not feel Bruce Babbitt had the power as Governor of Arizona to declare Martin Luther King Jr. Day a state holiday then how do you justify taking the power as Governor of Arizona to cancel it?!

Please respond and explain your reasoning on these issues for I am very concerned about them.

Sincerely

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